

## CORPORATIONS MUST PAY FRANCHISE TAX

Austin, Texas, March 24.—Answering an inquiry from Secretary of State C. C. McDonald, the attorney general's department, through Acting Attorney General James D. Walthall, said that corporations chartered under section 2 of the act of the legislature of 1907, and conducting various enterprises, such as the manufacture of ice, gas, electric light and the supply of water to the public, must pay franchise tax on each different class of enterprise or pursuit. After quoting the letter of inquiry from the secretary of state, Acting Attorney General Walthall says:

"Under the statute referred to the supply of water to the public constitutes one purpose, the manufacture and supply of ice another purpose, electric light and motor power still another, and so on. Corporations formed thereunder are required to pay franchise tax as provided by law for each of the purposes included in their respective charters."

**Pretty Lame Excuse.**  
Out of the crowd in the police court a man was placed before the judge. "You are accused, sir," said the magistrate, "of being drunk and disorderly. Any defense?" "I am a respectable man, sir," the prisoner answered, "and this would never have happened only I traveled from Pittsburgh to New York yesterday in bad company." "What sort of bad company?" said the magistrate. "Sons of Temperance, sir." "Sons of Temperance! Why, they are the salt of the earth. I should think they'd be the best company a man like you could ask for." "No, sir. Excuse me, sir. You're wrong," said the prisoner huskily. "You see, I'd brought a quart of whiskey for the journey, and on account of my bad company I had to drink it all myself."

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## COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY

### MONDAY.

Republican county conventions to be held throughout Colorado.

Republican county conventions to be held in the state of New York.

United States senate scheduled to vote on the case of Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin.

National championship tournament at pocket billiards will open in Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia.

Biggest automobile show in the history of the city opens at Indianapolis.

International Aeronautical Federation meets in Paris to revise rules prior to the international contests.

Federal biscuit plants to be sold by receiver of the company at New York.

### TUESDAY.

District primaries to be held in New York.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Seaman, formerly "Nellie Bly," must appear in court in New York to show cause why she should not be punished for contempt of court in case of bankrupt Ironclad company.

Primary elections in North Dakota.

### WEDNESDAY.

Conferences of Methodist Episcopal churches of Indiana begin at Wabash.

Republican state convention to select delegates and alternates to the national convention meets at Colorado Springs.

### THURSDAY.

San Francisco will vote on bonds for a proposed civic center to include a municipally owned and controlled opera house.

### FRIDAY.

New York legislature scheduled to adjourn sine die.

Mrs. Taft holds last of her Lenten musicals at the White House.

Annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science opens at Philadelphia.

King George will watch the running of big steeplechase at Aintree.

### Business Courtesy.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is business courtesy? Pa—There are two kinds of business courtesy, my son. One is the kind extended to people who pay cash, and the other is extended to people who don't.—London Answers.

### Bedouin's Three Treasures.

There are always three things uppermost in the Bedouin's mind—his gun, his horse and his wives. The most modern arms of precision have replaced the primitive spear which, until a few years ago, was the usual weapon. The Bedouin is quick to realize the efficiency of modern weapons and soon becomes an expert marksman. So much has the spear fallen out of favor that the bearer of one would be ridiculed in his own camp. Such pride has the Bedouin in his weapons that even in his leisure hours he sits fully armed, examining and cleaning each piece in turn, making himself accustomed to carrying their weight. No youth considers himself a man until he has fully equipped himself. A sword is much esteemed, but generally only as an heirloom and as giving distinction to the bearer. There are to be found many excellent blades among the sheikhs, some with a history of hundreds of years, having been handed down from father to son.—Wide World Magazine.



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## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

March 25.

1409—Council of Pisa ended schism of the church.

1595—Snow fell at Rome. No more fell until 1834.

1693—Printing ordered to be introduced into New York.

1751—The commencement of the year in England was altered from this day to the first of January to conform with the custom of other European countries.

1815—Confirmatory pact signed at Vienna, by which the allied powers solemnly united their forces to maintain the treaty of Paris against Bonaparte.

1894—"Coxey's Army" of seventy men began its march from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington, D. C.

1903—Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, introduced the Irish land bill into the house of commons.

1909—Russia recognized Austria's annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Crown Prince George of Serbia renounced the succession to the throne.

1911—Fire in the Asch shirtwaist factory, New York City, killed 148 persons, mostly women.

### HOME ENDORSEMENT.

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### A Cow Tale.

We have heard of the "pig in the parlor," the "bear in the china shop" and of "Mary's little lamb" that followed her to school one day and made the children laugh and play. But yesterday afternoon a Columbus school teacher had a "first experience" with a "cow in school."

Having loosed her tether, she dart-

ed into the school yard, followed by the man on horseback who had been leading her. And to further evade her pursuer she ran fearlessly into the house, through a long hall on the next gallery, and on into the street again. The little folks within the adjacent hall only escaped harm, perhaps, through the prompt shutting of the open doors by their alert teacher.

To "get in on the ground floor" may be a great advantage in some instances, but it taxed "feminine bravery" in this instance to be reconciled to it.

This is called a "Cow Tale" (with apologies to Mark Twain, whose beautiful story, "A Horse's Tale," has brought as many tears as this story will bring smiles).—Lucy May Johnson in Waco Times-Herald.

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